

# What are Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STIs)?

Sexually transmitted diseases (STIs) are diseases you can get by having sex with someone who has an STI. You can get STIs from any sexual activity, whether it involves the mouth, anus, vagina, or penis.

The number of people with STI infections is increasing. There are many different STIs. The most common ones in the United States are:

- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhea
- Syphilis
- Genital herpes
- Genital warts (HPV)
- Trichomoniasis
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C



## A Few Facts:

- More than 19 million people in the US become infected with some type of STI every year.
- Almost half of those infected are between the ages of 15-24.
- Many STIs show few symptoms, especially in women.
- STIs can cause severe organ damage and infertility. Even though STIs respond well to treatment, some can be treated but not cured.
- Having one STI can increase the risk for acquiring other STIs.
- The correct use of condoms may prevent the spread of most STIs.